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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LUNCH FOR FOREIGN MINISTER SODER

1. SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER REVIEWED MAJOR WORLD ISSUES, DURING TWO HOUR LUNCH JUNE 30. ALL ITEMS ON SWEDISH AGENDA (STATE 139427) EXPLORED IN GREATER OR LESSER DEPTH, WITH SOME MOVEMENT ON STANSAAB QUESTION. ALSO PRESENT ON US SIDE WERE DEPUTY SECRETARY, UNDER SECRETARY COOPER, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES VEST AND MINK, AND RON WOODS, EUR/NE.

2. SECRETARY RAISED STANSAAB, SAYING THAT WE APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTRACT TO SWEDEN, THAT OUR DENIAL WAS BASED SOLELY ON SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS COMPARABLE TO THOSE IMPOSED ON SPERRY-UNIVAC TWO YEARS AGO, AND THAT WE WERE INFORMING STANSAAB OF MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR US APPROVAL. DURING LUNCH AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER RECEIVED
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REPORT ON MORNING MEETING BETWEEN COMMERCE AND STANSAAB, AT WHICH THE LATTER HAD AGREED TO SCALE DOWN THEIR PACKAGE TO MEET US CONCERNS. WE UNDERSTAND STANSAAB NOW PLANS TO TALK TO THE SOVIETS. ONCE MODIFIED EXPORT LICENSE REQUEST SUBMITTED, DEPARTMENT WILL TRY TO ENSURE PROMPT HANDLING IN USG.

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3. ON NORTH/SOUTH, SODER AGREED WITH POSSIBILITY OF NEW UN MECHANISM FOR CIEC FOLLOW-UP. SHE THOUGHT THIS WOULD REQUIRE MEMBERSHIP OF FIFTY OR MORE TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGE NUMBER OF INTERESTED STATES. BOTH THE SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY COOPER FAVORED SMALLER CORE GROUP, WITH ADDITIONAL ROTATING MEMBERS, AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION. ALL AGREED THAT FUNCTION OF UN GROUP WOULD BE LARGELY TO KEEP ABREAST OF CIEC FOLLOW-UP IN OTHER FORA SUCH AS IMF/IBRD, UNCTAD AND MTN.

4. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SODER EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FORWARD POSTURE, AND DISAGREEMENT WITH THOSE WHO ARGUED FOR A MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH. SHE BELIEVED THE SOVIETS WERE WILLING TO SEPARATE ISSUES, AND CITED THEIR STRONG POSITION ON THE RETURN OF THE SOVIET HIJACKER WHICH HAD NOT AFFECTED THE BALANCE OF SWEDISH/ SOVIET RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE AND THE PRE- SIDENT WERE CONVINCED THAT THOUGH THERE WERE CERTAIN STRAINS IN US/SOVIET RELATIONS, COOPERATION WAS MOVING AHEAD IN OTHER AREAS. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WELCOMED SWEDEN'S DECISION TO JOIN THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE OPPORTUNITY THEIR PARTICIPATION WOULD PROVIDE TO COORDINATE HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES IN LATIN AMERICA. THE SECRETARY CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT OUR FREEDOM OF ACTION WAS REDUCED BY OVERLY SPECIFIC IF WELL INTENTIONED CONFIDENTIAL



CONGRESSIONAL MEASURES.

5. ON NUCLEAR MATTERS, SODER SAID THAT WHILE WE WERE IN VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AGREEMENT,DIFFERENCES EXISTED ON REPRO- CESSING AND STORAGE OF NUCLEAR WASTE. THESE WERE PARTICU- LARLY IMPORTANT TO SWEDEN BECAUSE OF STRICT CONDITIONS IMPOSED UNDER SWEDISH LAW. VEST COMMENTED THAT THE PROBLEM SEEMED TO BE SHORT TERM, WHILE WE WORK TOGETHER IN FINDING BETTER METHODS OF DEALING WITH NUCLEAR MATERIALS. THE SECRETARY WELCOMED THE MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY UNDER SECRE- TARY NYE AND LEIFLAND JULY 5 AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE AREA IN DEPTH.

6. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE SECRETARY GAVE OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATIONS IN RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA, EXPRESSING GREATEST OPTIMISM ON THE LAST MENTIONED. HE SAID A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE COULD EVENTUALLY EASE THE TRANSITION THERE, BUT ON RHODESIA A COMMONWEALTH FORCE SEEMED MORE LIKELY AS THE SOVIETS WOULD VETO UN INVOLVEMENT. LEIFLAND AND SODER BOTH SAID SWEDEN WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A UN FORCE IN EITHER AREA. SHE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT SWAPO WOULD ACCEPT ARRANGEMENTS IN NAMIBIA.

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SHE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, OF ALLOWING SUFFI-
CIENT TIME BEFORE ELECTIONS--UP TO ONE YEAR--FOR SWAPO TO
CONSOLIDATE ITS FORCES. SODER ARGUED THE IMPORTANCE OF
STOPPING NEW INVESTMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA, WHILE THE SECRE-
TARY SAID WE WERE UNDECIDED AND SAW ADVANTAGES IN WESTERN
INDUSTRIAL PRESENCE WORKING FOR CHANGE FROM WITHIN.

7. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SECRETARY SAID WE WERE AWAITING
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S VISIT IN JULY FOR HIS PERSONAL VIEWS
ON NEGOTATIONS. THE SECRETARY WOULD RETURN TO THE MIDDLE
EAST IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO
THE PARTIES INVOLVED. WE WERE STILL HOPEFUL FOR A GENEVA
CONFERENCE THIS FALL, BUT BELIEVED CAREFUL PREPARATION WAS
ESSENTIAL. LEIFLAND AGREED AND SAID THAT A FAILURE AT
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GENEVA WOULD STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF RADICALS IN THE
PLO. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY SODER, THE SECRETARY
SAID THE SOVIETS HAD NOT BEEN UNHELPFUL TO DATE, BUT
ATTACHED LESS IMPORTANCE THAN WE TO CONFERENCE PREPARA-
TIONS.

8. ON ARMS CONTROL, THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ON
EARLY CONCLUSION OF TREATIES ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND COM-
PREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND ALSO REVIEWED OTHER POSSIBLE
AREAS FOR US/SOVIET TALKS. REGARDING THE CTB, THE SOVIETS
INSISTED UPON ALLOWING PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, AND WE
WERE LOOKING AT THE TYPES OF GUARANTEES WHICH COULD ASSURE
THESE WERE NOT EMPLOYED TO TEST ARMAMENTS. ON THE GENERAL
QUESTION OF REDUCING CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, THE
SECRETARY SAID WE HAD HELD PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH THE
FRENCH, THE UK AND GERMANY, AND INTENDED TO BROADEN OUR CON-
SULTATIONS ONCE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE WITH THESE THREE.
HE THOUGHT THAT, WHILE IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY, IN THE LONG
RUN SOVIETS WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE.

9. AT THE END OF LUNCH, LEIFLAND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE
OF CONTINUED SWEDISH ACCESS TO ADVANCED US MILITARY TECHNO-
LOGY, AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE SEVERAL SPECIFIC CASES TO
DISCUSS DURING HIS TALKS IN THE DEPARTMENT NEXT WEEK. CHRISTOPHER

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